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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. The references were cited as category "A" (background art) during the prosecution of EP 01 921 827 in the Supplementary European Search Report of 21 MAR. 2003, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. The references are in English, so their relevance will be readily apparent. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

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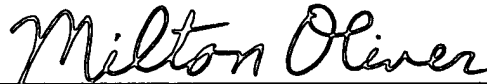
REMARKS

The references are in English, so their relevance is readily apparent. No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialed copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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